



Major Jack Rowland Stanley Grose Beard

Military Cross



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: 1911 (v PAC)

MB BS (1914) FRCS FRACS FECOG

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of Jack Rowland Stanley Grose Beard. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=17452>



Jack Roland Stanley Grose BEARD

Date of birth	4 October 1890
Other training	MB, BS, University of Adelaide, South Australia
Age at embarkation	24.8
Height	5' 8.75"
Weight	147 lbs
Next of kin	Mrs A.W. Hart, c/o S.R. Page, Milne Terrace, Moonta, South Australia
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	21 December 1914
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Army Medical Corps
Promotions	Major

	Unit: Australian Medical Corps
Fate	Returned to Australia 6 October 1919
Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll)	No date of fate entered on Nominal Roll.
Medals	Military Cross

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on many occasions. He carried out his duties in attending to the wounded under the most trying and difficult circumstances under heavy enfilading artillery fire, afterwards refusing to leave his aid post, although it was blown in and he was buried. On the following day he went out into a hostile barrage and brought in two stretcher-bearers who had been wounded. At all times his fearless example had the most inspiring effect on his medical staff.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 219

Date: 20 December 1917

RSL Virtual Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/796774>



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AUSTRALIA

Dr. Jack Roland Stanley Grose BEARD MC

BEARD, Jack Roland Stanley Grose

Personal Details

Service History

Personal Stories

Service Number: Officer

Enlisted: 21 December 1914

Last Rank: Major

Last Unit: Australian Army Medical Corps (2/AIF)

Born: 4 October 1890, *place not yet discovered*

Home Town: Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia

Schooling: University of Adelaide (MBBS., 1914)

Occupation: Doctor

Died: Parkinson's Disease, Collinswood, South Australia, 1 January 1975, aged 84 years

Cemetery: *Not yet discovered*

Tree Plaque: *Not yet discovered*

Memorials: Adelaide University of Adelaide WW1 Honour Roll

Biography

Excerpt from:

Blood Sweat and Fears: Medical Practitioners and Medical Students of South Australian who Served in World War 1. , C Verco, A Summers, T Swain & M Jelly. July 2014

Jack Roland Stanley (Roland John) Beard was born on the 4th of October 1890 at Norwood, son of Charles Robert Beard and Emily Jane, nee Bennett, the youngest of nine children. He was always known as Jack. He was educated with private tuition and studied medicine at the University of Adelaide graduating in 1914. He then was a medical officer at the Adelaide Hospital.

Beard joined the AAMC on the 19th of May 1915. He was 24 years old single, 5ft 8ins tall, 10st 7lbs. He gave his widowed sister Olive, Mrs A W Hart c/o S R Page, Milne Terrace Moonta as his next of kin. He was commissioned in late June and sailed for the Middle East expecting to be posted to 2 AGH, but on arrival was posted to the Otago Inf Bn on Gallipoli. However, on 20th August, whilst still on the ship by Gallipoli, he suffered an acute attack of cholecystitis and was taken to Mudros in September and from there to 3 LGH in England with acute cholecystitis. He underwent surgery for gall stones in England, and was attached to 1 AAH at Harefield until March when a Medical Board declared him fit to return to Egypt. He was posted to 15 FdAmb, and went to France with the unit. During the Somme battles he had short attachments to 25 Howitzer Bde (Fromelles) and to 30 Bn. (Somme). He was transferred to 14 FdAmb in January 1917, and again had several detachments to infantry Battalions.

Beard was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry at Bullecourt in May 1917. The RAP was situated in a place subject to heavy enfilading artillery fire. On May 10th the RAP was blown in and he himself buried. Though badly shaken he refused to leave his post even for a short rest. On May 11th a stretcher case was being taken away when the enemy opened up a barrage and two of the stretcher bearers were wounded. Capt Beard at once ran out and brought in these two men without waiting for the barrage to cease. Before going to the Somme Beard was billeted in a family chateau (which was also a farm) and there met the 16 year old daughter, Andree. The family used the cellars during raids and Beard cared for wounded soldiers assisted by Andree. She was very helpful over the time of the battles and they became very close, so close, he told her family that he would marry her after the War. He was told to come back in 3 years as she was only 16. Beard continued to serve with 53 Bn until the end of 1917 and was promoted Major in August. In March 1918 he took over command of 5 San Section, and later in the year was A/DDMS of 5 Div. relieving DADMS on leave.

He embarked HT Pakeha as SMO for Australia 6th October 1919 and on arrival in Adelaide in November 1919 he resided with his sister at 77 Hill St, North Adelaide. His appointment was terminated 26th January 1920. He was issued with the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

After being discharged Beard returned to England and spent the next five years studying in the UK. During this time he went to France to meet Andree, the girl from the cellar; they had continued a written correspondence with each other. They married on 15th November 1921 in Daours, Picardie, France. Her widowed mother supported them whilst he was studying in England and Andree took the baby to the family chateau whilst he studied. They returned to Australia and Beard became senior gynaecologist at the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 1941, and an Obstetrician at the Queen Victoria Hospital. He was also assistant to the Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology in Birmingham, England.

Jack Roland Stanley Beard of 1 Edwin Avenue, Collinswood died 1st January 1975, aged 84. He was survived by his wife and son Dr Roland Beard, an obstetrician and gynaecologist.

Likeman R, Gallipoli Doctors, Trojan Press, Melbourne Aust., 2010

Donald Beard family notes.

Photo: AWM E01672-1

Daily Herald Adelaide 24 March 1910

"Personal." *Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931)* 1 September 1917: 28. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article164135038>



<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3061722>

4th MILITARY DISTRICT.
A.G. 42/516

C.M. Form A-22.
(Revised 1.5.13.)

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Application for a Commission in the A.I.F. same

No.	PARTICULARS.
1.	Surname ... } ... Other names (in full) } ... BEARD JACK. ROLAND STANLEY GROSE
2.	Educational Qualifications ... (Certificate to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.) M.B.B.S. (Adelaide)
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) (Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 64.) If serving, present rank and corps to be stated. Pay Book No 53568 &
4.	Present Civil Employment ... Resident House Surgeon & Physician Adelaide Hospital
5.	Date of Birth and Age ... (Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Head-quarters.) Oct 4 - 1890. 24 Years 8 Months
6.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject (In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.) British subject
7.	Married or Single ... Single
8.	Postal Address ... Adelaide Hospital
9.	Next of Kin ... Mr A.W. KART

Date 19.6.15 (Signature of Applicant) J.R. Beard

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificates.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Board, in accordance with the "Instructions for the Physical Examination of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Military Forces of the Commonwealth," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, Charles Yeatman do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height 5 feet 8 3/4 Weight 10 stone 7 lbs
Chest Measurement 33 1/2 - 37 Eyesight right eye v = 6 left eye v = 6

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer Charles Yeatman
Captain same

RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces.)

I recommend that the Candidate above-named be appointed a Captain in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- (a) That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, or
- (b) That such appointment, although not within the authorized establishment and provision on the Estimates for the current year, will be within the number of supernumerary officers permitted under C.M. Regulation 56.
- (a) That the provisions of C.M. Reg. 60 have been fully complied with, or
- (b) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- (c) That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 139 have been fully complied with.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to 1st A.I.F. No. 2 A.G.F. Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date 19.6.15 Commanding A.P.M. H.M.D. Regt. or Corps.

RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT.
Recommended, candidate considered suitable.

Date 20/6/15 Commanding C.M. Forces Colonel Military District.

Sub-para (a) to be struck out if (b) applies, and vice versa. Sub-paras. not applicable to be struck out.

N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.

Seniority of Candidates to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

Additional Details

Birth

Jack was born on 10 October 1890. His birth registration shows his name as Rowland John Stanley Grose BEARD (South Australian Birth Registration 467/223)

The Register

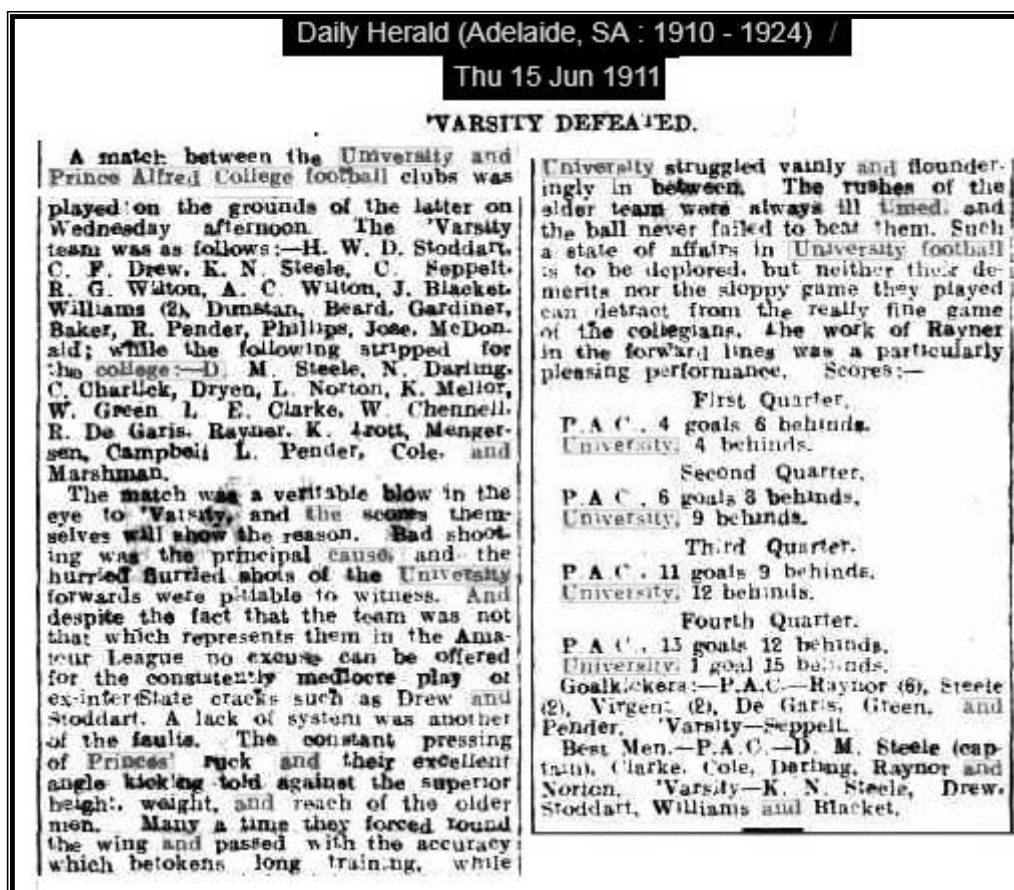
In 1907 Jack was working in the literary department of the newspaper "The Register".¹ In April 1907 he represented the newspapermen in a football match.²

Medical Studies

Jack received considerable support and encouragement from his brother-in-law (Dr AW Hart) which enabled him to study Medicine at Adelaide University from 1910 to 1914.

Adelaide University Sports

Jack Beard played in a match between the Adelaide University and Prince Alfred College in June 1911.³



Team Photo

No photos of the match have been located.

¹ "PERSONAL." *The Register* (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 21 July 1925: 8. Web. 10 Apr 2017 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article57293577>

² "OTHER MATCHES." *The Register* (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929) 6 July 1907: 4. Web. 10 Apr 2017 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article56529954>

³ VARSITY DEFEATED. (1911, June 15). *Daily Herald* (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), p. 7. Retrieved February 17, 2015, from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article105317881>

Family History

<http://www.adelaidenow.com.au/news/south-australia/great-love-of-wwi-sa-doctor-rowland-jack-beard-and-andree-raquet-being-documented-in-phd-by-granddaughter-eleanor-ahern/news-story/932f10fd5bae1e7b881dd8c60ea06c0a>

Great love of WWI SA doctor Rowland 'Jack' Beard and Andree Raquet being documented in PhD by granddaughter Eleanor Ahern



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